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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is an executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 for each of the above-named inventors (4 total), Exhibit 1 (letter evidencing submission of manuscript on January 21, 1997), Exhibit 2 (first draft of the manuscript, which was the basis for filing the present patent application), a Petition for Extension of Time, along with a check for \$205.00, and the required fee for a small entity, to extend the period of response two months up to, and including June 28, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.